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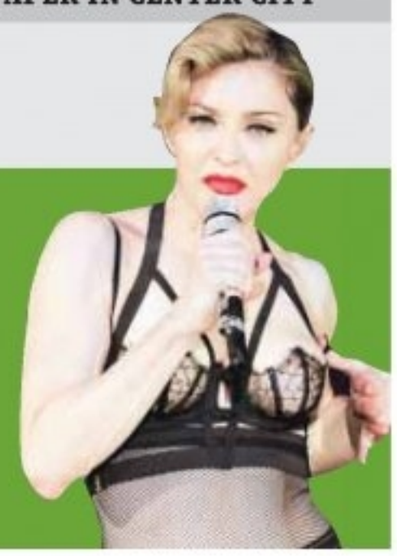

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From America's largest pizza museum to city's most popular ice cream, eclectic group of young people bringing boulevard to life ◐ Chef behind French bistro proves scene's variety

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▶ Rocket Cat Cafe, above, located at Frankford Avenue and Norris Street for the last 9 years, is well-established compared to many of its neighbors, like Little Baby's, right bottom.

Artists wanted for 'Gym' work

Opening this fall on Frankford Avenue, the Philadelphia Sculpture Gym will give artist members access to table saws, welding equipment and storage space, as well as host classes and First Friday gallery openings.

"If you're just coming out of art school, are new to the area or if you're an experienced sculptor who just doesn't have the funds for this type of equipment and space, there just isn't a place like this,' says sculptor Darla Jackson, who is opening the Gym with her husband and fellow sculptor, Justin Grant.

Friday night was not the ideal night to wait in line for ice cream. An early evening downpour had left the sticky air somehow heavier, and on Frankford Avenue, it didn't quite wipe away the very distinct smell of trash day in Fishtown.

Even so, the line from Little Baby's Ice Cream World Headquarters tumbled out the front door and up the street on their first night in business. No one seemed to be in a particular hurry — an enterprising pizza truck parked out front was happy to provide appetizers, and the line definitely beat stalking the Little Baby's ice cream tricycles across the city.

Quoted

"We're lucky — we opened a chef's restaurant and people responded to it. We're seeing a lot of people from the neighborhood, but also from Center City and the Main Line who are shocked that there's street parking." D'AMBROSIO

"We were dying for Little Baby's to open up. I'm an ice cream freak. I'd slap my grandmother for some of those flavors," admits Daniela D'Ambrosio, chef and co-owner of The Pickled Heron, a French bistro across the street.

D'Ambrosio was, unfortunately, too busy to wait for a taste. Since opening earlier this year, The Pickled Heron has proved that white tablecloths and $20-plus entrees have a place on this stretch of Frankford Avenue, a considerable distance from where Stephen Starr's Frankford Hall proved you could woo the masses. First Fridays are especially busy, as they have dabbled in the neighborhood's art scene with an "On the Wall" section featuring work by local artists.

"It brings in people who wouldn't usually know we're here," says D'Ambrosio. "The artist mentions we're here to their friends who stop in; on First Fridays, people will stop in, then make a reservation to come back."

While Alex Spinney's oil paintings of over-sized owls might feel out-of-place in an upscale Center City restaurant, it's exactly the kind of mixed use that Fishtown and East Kensington thrives on.

Around the corner from Little Baby's at Gravy Gallery — a small nook carved out of motorcycle warehouse Liberty Vintage — the resident pit bull weaved his way through a crowd of bikers and gallery hoppers on Friday night, eyeing up cups of the ice cream of the hour.

For Gravy co-founder Emma Stern, it's what she hoped for from a First Friday opening when renting the space.

"The warehouse was appealing because it attracts such an eclectic mix of people," she says. "Bikers, Fishtowners, artists, hipsters, musicians — you name it."

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In the news

West Nile virus comes to Pa.

The state's first two human cases of West Nile Virus in 2012 have been reported. A Franklin County woman is now recovering after being hospitalized with meningitis due to WNV and a Lancaster County woman is also recovering after contracting West Nile fever, the milder form of WNV, state health officials said. Officials are urging residents to minimize their exposure to mosquitoes. METRO

In the news

FLOTUS returns to Philadelphia

First Lady Michelle Obama will visit the region again Thursday for three "It Takes One" grassroots campaign events in Montgomery County, the Lehigh Valley and West Philadelphia, campaign officials said yesterday. The First Lady recently visited Philadelphia June 6 and July 16. METRO

Five years for gun 'straw purchaser'

CENTER CITY. Christian Hall, 24, was sentenced to five years in prison and two years of probation after pleading guilty May 23 to numerous counts of straw purchasing firearms, according to a release from the District Attorney's Office.

Between April and August of 2011, Hall falsely identified himself on federal and state purchase forms as the actual buyer of four handguns and an AK-47, then illegally transferred them to criminals in the Olney section of the city.

▶ Hall

Hall bought a Glock .357 and a Glock .40 at Frank's Gun Shop on the 4700 block of Blakiston Street in Holmesburg and handed over the handguns to two men, identified only as Punch and Brandon. The Glock .40 was recovered at the scene of a shooting on Feb. 22, 2012.

Other than the Glock recovered at the shooting scene, the rest of the guns remain at large on the streets of Philadelphia. METRO/AW

Lightning kills one fan, injures nine others at Pocono Raceway

One person was killed and nine others were injured yesterday when at least two bolts of lightning struck the parking lot of the Pocono Raceway in Monroe County during NASCAR race Pennsylvania 400, according to a report from The Charlotte Observer.

The strikes hit the lot behind the main grandstands during a severe thunderstorm that stopped the race, whose start had already been beset by multiple weather delays, shortly before 5 p.m. Though the National Weather Service issued a severe thunderstorm warning for the area about 45 minutes prior, fans were reportedly not notified and no evacuation of the grounds took place.

Five people were hospitalized – two of them in critical condition – while five additional people were treated onsite and later taken to area hospitals for evaluation. METRO/AW

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N.J. man's ATV found by PPD, but badly damaged

Huge bust by city Major Crimes unit nets 26 illegal ATVs Victim then decries city's 'no-chase' policy

If you have the title and insurance for one of these stolen ATVs, police say you can come pick it up.

A little over three weeks ago, someone unstrapped three ATVs from a trailer outside Anthony Peabody's Salem County, N.J., home. He was reunited with one vehicle yesterday at the Philadelphia Police Department's Major Crimes unit after a sting on Sunday netted 26 ATVs and 11 illegal dirt bikes from the north and southwest areas of the the city. Peabody said the thieves scraped his ATV's tailpipe and caused other damage.

"They raised the suspension," he said. "They put these red markings on it — they weren't there. My wife had her name on it, some decals she printed off the computer. They ripped all that off. They tried to disguise it. It's only been gone since the 15th and they absolutely destroyed the tires from riding it on the road."

Peabody partially laid the blame at the feet of city police, who have a no-chase policy when it comes to ATVs. "If somebody's just going to risk their own life or whatever trying to rob somebody to take these things, then it's obviously getting out of control because they want to bring them to Philadelphia — because they know the cops don't chase you," Peabody said.

Deputy Commissioner Thomas Wright said engaging ATVs in high-speed pursuit is a risk to both officers and motorists.

"There are certain things we do that are much to our advantage that we will continue to utilize, like covert intelligence and some other activities that will allow us to pursue them in a safe way," he said.

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"Look at any social media sites, just punch in 'ATV' and you'll see them driving through the city, popping wheelies on 95. I can't explain how dangerous that is."

PHILADELPHIA POLICE DEPARTMENT DEPUTY COMMISSIONER THOMAS WRIGHT

Weak city regulations

It's pretty easy to get ATVs back from police once they are seized.

- "Unfortunately, right now, if you have the title, insurance and a license, we will give you your vehicle back," Wright said.
- Investigators can't arrest people for storing ATVs, nor can they chase them on city streets. So they are concentrating on areas where riders congregate, like parks and lots, and relying on a mix of covert intelligence and tips to identify where criminals will be and when.
- Police are working with lawmakers to create tougher policies. "We submitted some legislation through our legal experts," Wright said.
- But you still can't drive them home. "You can't just hop on them and go home," Wright said. "Bring a flat bed."

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Sikh temple gunman was US Army veteran linked to hate group

The gunman who killed six people at a Wisconsin Sikh temple was a 40-year-old U.S. Army veteran, and authorities said they were investigating possible links to white supremacist groups and his membership in a skinhead rock band.

The assailant, who was shot dead by police at the scene on Sunday, was named Wade Michael Page, a former U.S. soldier who served from 1992 to 1998, according to John Edwards, the police chief of Oak Creek, a suburb of Milwaukee.

Page killed six people and seriously wounded three, including a police officer, at the Sikh Temple of Wisconsin as worshippers prepared for religious services.

The victims were five men and one woman, aged between 39 and 84. Members of the Sikh community said the president of the congregation and a priest were among the victims.

Authorities said they were treating the attack as a possible act of domestic terrorism. American Sikhs said they have often been singled out for harassment, and occasionally violent assault, since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks because they are mistaken as Muslims due to their colorful turbans and beards.

"'The definition of domestic terrorism is the use of force or violence for social or political gain, so that's obviously what we're looking at,'" FBI special agent Teresa Carlson said at a news conference yesterday, adding that authorities were looking at Page's ties to white supremacists. **REUTERS**

Military discharge

U.S. military sources said Page had been discharged from the Army in 1998 for "'patterns of misconduct'" and had been cited for being drunk on duty.

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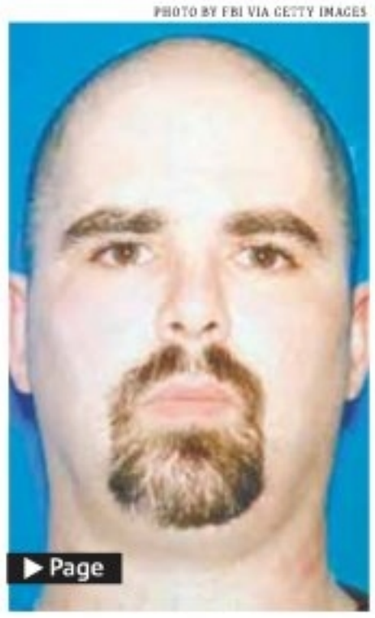

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News in brief

Priest again denied bail before appeal

CENTER CITY. A judge again denied bail today for convicted church official Monsignor William Lynn, who was found guilty of endangering the welfare of children.

Lynn's attorneys were seeking his release pending an appeal of his June conviction. Common Pleas Court Judge Teresa Sarmina denied their motion, according to reports.

Lynn, 61, the first Roman Catholic Church official convicted in a child sex abuse scandal, was sentenced last month to 3 to 6 years in prison. His attorney argued once again that Lynn should be released to electronic monitoring. **METRO**

Robbers allegedly faked reality show

PENNSYLVANIA. Two men have been arrested and charged in the robbery of two out-of-state men in Indiana, Pa. yesterday while claiming they were filming for a non-existent reality TV show, "You Just Got Robbed," according to the Associated Press.

Randall Smith, 21, and Artie Goodwine, 18, allegedly attacked two men, with one suspect reportedly putting one of the men in a headlock while the other recorded the robbery on a cellphone. The duo made away with $20.

Police told the AP the men attend technical school near the robbery site in western Pennsylvania. **METRO/AW**

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Everybody WINS when girls study the sciences

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▶ WINS Manager Betsy Payne, right, leads students through an activity.

Getting teenage girls interested in the STEM subjects — science, technology, engineering and math — is a major challenge. Encouraging at-risk high-school students to stick with school and graduate can be an even greater challenge.

The Women in Natural Sciences program at the Academy of Natural Sciences, which serves girls from low-income, single-parent and minority families, meets both challenges. During the past 30 years, 100 percent of the girls who have participated in the full four-year program have graduated from high school, and 96 percent of them have continued on to higher education immediately after high school.

Each summer, 25 girls about to start ninth grade participate in WINS1 — an intensive, eight-week program.

"Each week has a theme," explains Betsy Payne, the program's manager, "like energy, food or water. We study that theme through a variety of activities." Activities include working with material in the academy's collection, conducting experiments and taking field trips. The summer ends with a trip to the Poconos.

After completing WINS1, girls are eligible to apply for WINS2, a year-round program that continues for all four years of high school. In addition to science activities, WINS2 participants get help with college planning and career advice.

"The program is designed to open [participants'] eyes about opportunities," Payne says. About 60 percent study STEM subjects in college, but "even if they don't, they realize that science is part of everyday life."

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College-bound WINS alums

"We don't say 'if you go to college,' we say 'when you go to college,'" Payne says. Many WINS alumnae attend local colleges, including Drexel, Temple, Philadelphia University, the University of the Arts and Cabrini. Others attend colleges elsewhere in the state, such as Carnegie Mellon and Shippensburg. Farther away, they matriculate to the University of Rochester, American University and Salem College in North Carolina.

Education news

God and 'going green' find common ground in new curricula

For more than seven years, Wake Forest professor Lucas F. Johnston studied the intersection of religious faith and the environmental movement. But he often found himself frustrated by a basic disconnect: Worldwide, there was a rapidly growing effort to link theology with environmental consciousness, but this didn't appear to reap any measurable changes. People changed their philosophy, but they didn't change their behavior.

▶ Johnston

Now Johnston is at the forefront of a movement to further incorporate environmental sustainability into higher education curricula. But for Johnston, an ideological shift isn't good enough. He wants results.

"For a long time, the religion and ecology field was, basically, advancing popularized narratives about why this or that religious tradition was inherently green," says Johnston. "In a similar fashion, we saw a lot of anecdotal stories coming out of higher education. That's a good first step. ... But now we need to gather some empirical data. We need to find out what changes systems and people."

Johnston recently edited a book that attempts to do just that. "Higher Education for Sustainability: Cases, Challenges, and Opportunities from Across the Curriculum" contains some of the most thorough research and analysis on green courses to date.

"All sustainable solutions are context-dependent. So in this book we're looking at specific schools — specific contexts," explains Johnston. "Basically, if you take the idea of sustainability seriously, we're talking about our survival as a species. We have to think about educating students about that, because most of them have no sense of what a sustainable society looks like." ● BRUCE WALSH

Get involved

For resources to help bring sustainability curricula to your college or university:

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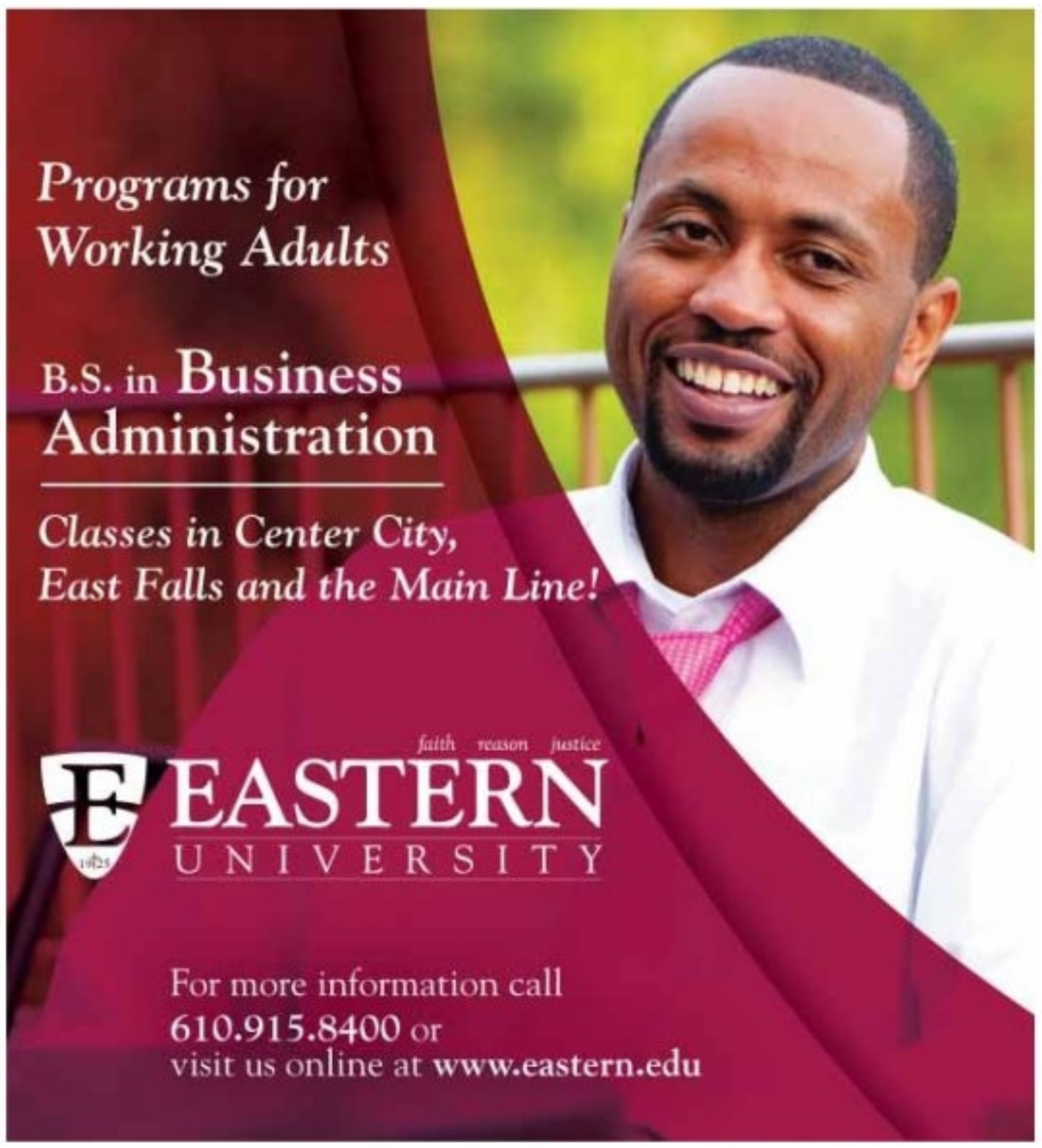
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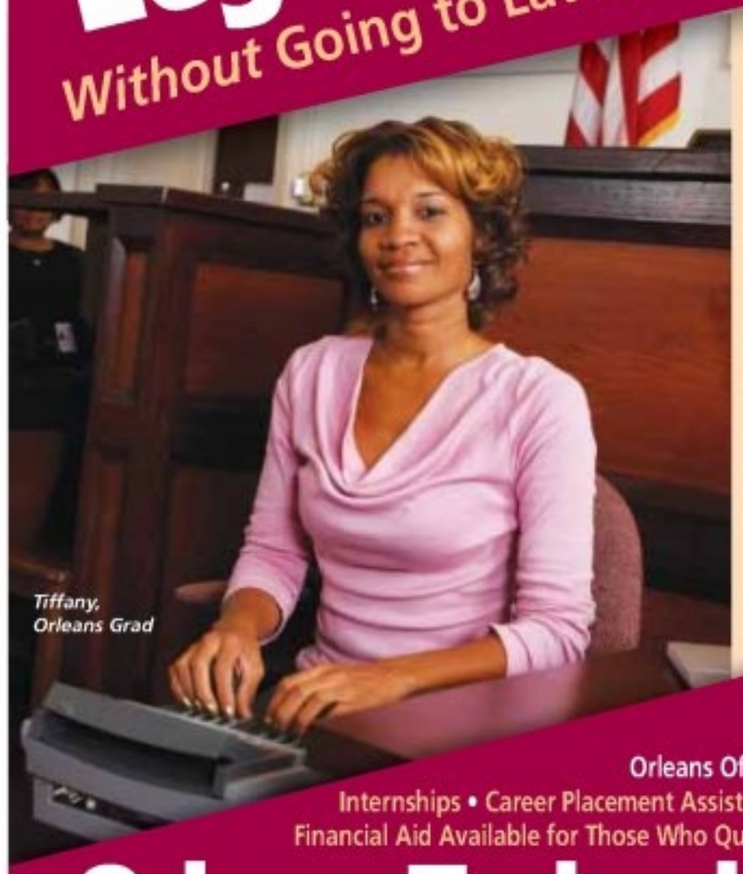

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Fighting words from Elton John

We're professional gossips over here. Trash-talking, unnamed "sources," Twitter fights among grown men: It all comes with the territory, and there's not much that surprises us in this post-"Real Housewives" world. Except, of course, for Mean Girl at Large, **Elton John**.

During an interview with Australian TV host **Molly Meldrum**, Elton let loose when discussing **Madonna**.

"Why is she such a nightmare? Sorry, her career is over," he said. "Her tour has been a disaster and it couldn't happen to a bigger c—."

We feel a back-handed compliment coming on: "If Madonna had any common sense, she would have made a record like 'Ray Of Light' and stayed away from the dance stuff and just been a great pop singer ... which she does brilliantly," he continued. "But no, she had to go and prove she looks like a f—ing fairground stripper."

Now, do we agree with him? No. But we do respect his expertly conjured tornado of British crankiness and rhinestone platforms.

Elton John

No one can resist Biebs

When she's out collecting gold medals and charming the entire world, it's easy to forget that Olympic swimmer **Missy Franklin** is a mere 17 years old. (We know — we feel like blobs of shameful failure, too.)

But then **Justin Bieber** sent her a video message to congratulate her.

"I was flipping out when I saw it!" she tells Us Weekly. "His little brother was in it too, and he's the cutest little thing ever. It was insane. I was so excited. He said he was on vacation, so for him to take time out of his vacation to do that for me is so sweet and so special. I'm going to his concert soon. I can't wait!"

Bad day to lose the remote

Former "Real Housewives of New York" "stars" **Alex McCord** and **Simon Van Kempen** have decided to let reality TV solve the marital problems that reality TV contributed to. The couple, which is reportedly close to splitting, will appear on VH1's new "Couples Therapy," reports TMZ. Along with them will be "Bachelor" star **Shayne Lamas** and husband **Nik Richie** as well as 52-year-old "Lost" star **Doug Hutchison** and his 17-year-old wife, **Courtney Stodden**, whose mother was kind enough to sign her over last year.

Your move, Chick-fil-A.

ALL PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

▶ Courtney Stodden, 17, and Doug Hutchison, 52, are having marital problems. As in, they're married.

Bynes approaching hot-mess status

Amanda Bynes is having a bad year, even for Amanda Bynes. In April, she was arrested under suspicion of DUI, and in May she was involved in two separate hit-and-run accidents. On Sunday, she continued the streak, rear-ending a car in L.A. and then driving off without exchanging insurance information, reports TMZ.

Amanda, unless you're way more famous than we remember, you've overdrawn your child star pity fund. Pull it together, or at least get a reality show.

Talking points

Pattinson surfaces alive and well

Robert Pattinson has come out of hiding, reportedly stepping out for the night this weekend with pals at a bar near **Reese Witherspoon**'s ranch in Ojai, Calif., where he's apparently been lying low since news broke of girlfriend **Kristen Stewart**'s infidelity, according to Us Weekly. Pattinson "seemed to be having an amazing time" with a group of male friends, a patron at the Deer Lodge bar says. "He looked like a guy that was trying to enjoy himself and get away. Seems like a good kid."

Surprise: Cyrus likes her 18k ring

Miley Cyrus says her impressive vintage engagement ring was all fiance **Liam Hemsworth**'s idea. "I had no input," she tells Marie Clare. "I saw it online at one point and thought it was really pretty. I just love that it's old and has a story. And I'm happy because it doesn't look like anything else I wear." The 18-karat ring was hand-cut in the late 1800s, and it sounds like it will be the only thing on her finger for a while: "We want to have a long engagement," she says.

Royals 'absolutely dreading' kiss cam

Prince William may be used to living his life in public, but that doesn't mean he's thrilled about public displays of affection — especially when it's broadcast on a massive screen at an Olympic event. "I was absolutely dreading they were going to come and show myself and my wife, and that would have been very embarrassing," William says of the "kiss cam" at London's Velodrome.

▶ We can think of worse things, Will.

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A pinker shade of crimson

26-year-old Rebecca Harrington's debut novel, 'Penelope,' follows a feckless freshman through her first year at Harvard

MICHAEL LIONSTAR

▶ Rebecca Harrington's "Penelope" hits stores today.

Rebecca Harrington's debut novel, like its heroine, shouldn't be judged by its girlish cover. Dotted with classical literature in-jokes, "Penelope" is a clever read about the absurdity of the Ivy League experience: the hookups, the all-night "pregaming" and the waffle irons branding the college crest on students' breakfasts.

Based on Harrington's own experience at Harvard, the book also touches on the isolation often felt by college freshmen. Penelope O'Shaunessy arrives on campus a blank slate: She has no friends, and she hasn't reviewed her all-important freshman orientation packet. She spends the first few weeks eating alone, watching detective movies on her laptop and sniffling through allergy attacks brought on by her goth roommate's feral cat. This puts her, of course, in stark contrast to her ultramotivated peers.

"I do think it's a good primer if, let's say, you're sort of a nerd." REBECCA HARRINGTON

"I wanted to have her be there as a counterpoint to everybody else," Harrington tells us. "I was using a lot of English campus novels as models, where the hero is usually male and they usually never explain how he got to Oxford or Cambridge, and he doesn't seem particularly motivated."

But while Penelope falls prey to the usual drinking- and dating-related college mishaps, she never abandons her dorky core in favor of Harvard manners. As in the classic campus novels Harrington references, virtue is rewarded and the villains get their comeuppance.

While "Penelope" is an ideal read for the class of 2016, it will also resonate with those navigating life after graduation. "I think feeling left out of things is so incredibly universal," Harrington says. "I think it's more about that than Harvard specifically."

"But," she says, laughing, "I do think it's a good primer if, let's say, you're sort of a nerd."

Harrington is now the college editor at the Huffington Post — another institution itching for parody. Will it inspire a second book? "No," she says. "The thing about Harvard is that there are so many absurd elements to it. It was rife for satire."

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TV watch list

'Hard Knocks: Training Camp with the Miami Dolphins'

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REALITY. Winter is coming — so says this HBO series, which celebrates the start of the NFL preseason with a five-part, behind-the-scenes look at what it takes to make the Miami Dolphins roster. **Season premiere, 10 p.m., HBO**

'Our America with Lisa Ling'

REALITY. Tonight, host Lisa Ling investigates the story of a man "labeled for life" as a sex offender, attempting to piece together what really happened when he was sentenced to 16 years in prison as a teenager for touching a girl's breast and find out if his punishment was justified. **10 p.m., OWN**

'Shipping Wars'

REALITY. It's another season of movers hauling weird stuff — like a giant Willie Mays sculpture, which shipper Roy saws in half (bad idea). **Season premiere, 9 p.m., A&E** ● AMBER RAY

'Just about making music'

MICHAEL CASWELL

Lou Barlow talks about the lo-fi revolution of the '90s and balancing time between Sebadoh and Dinosaur Jr.

Originally created as a side project to coincide with his work in Dinosaur Jr., Sebadoh quickly became Lou Barlow's main musical outlet after he was ousted from the band he helped create. After a notorious power struggle in songwriting with Dinosaur leader J. Mascis, Barlow began pursuing his more autonomous endeavors.

In contrast to the towering guitar-based rock band that Mascis and Dinosaur Jr. would become known for, Barlow and his work with Sebadoh soon led to a reputation as a pioneer of the lo-fi sound revolution.

Quoted:

"I guess I never thought about it. It was really just about making music. In the '80s and early '90s, going to a studio was a sure way to kill your music."

BARLOW, ON THE LO-FI ETHOS

Though at this point, he doesn't seek any credit or merit for the movement.

"I guess I never thought too much about it," notes Barlow. "It was really just about making music. In the '80s and early '90s, going to a studio was a sure way to kill your music. Rock records in the '80s and '90s were horrendous sounding to me. I just did what I did to keep it interesting for myself. Generally I wanted to keep it kind of crunchy and natural sounding. I mean, we also literally recorded things on Walkmans. But to me that wasn't a radical statement or anything."

In the 1990s, Barlow saw his most prolific decade of releases. Besides several releases by Sebadoh, Barlow would go on to release records as Sentridoh (his solo acoustic project) and Folk Implosion, a better produced endeavor that gave him his first top 40 hit, "Natural One."

If Sebadoh releases may seem sluggish in recent times, it could be due to Barlow's surprising reinstatement in Dinosaur Jr. as part of the recent reunion trend. But according to Barlow, this has only helped Sebadoh's cause.

"When Dinosaur got back together it sort of gave me the financial means to get Sebadoh back together," he says. "I was able to make a leap and make it happen for everybody. To be completely happy in Dinosaur, I have to be doing other stuff. ... If I'm doing other stuff, I'm perfectly happy doing Dinosaur."

Time for another 'Bakesale'

Recently, Barlow was also called upon by Sub Pop to reissue Sebadoh's seminal release from 1994, "Bakesale."

"I didn't think there was a necessity to reissue," notes Barlow. "It's probably all still readily available in bargain bins everywhere and sitting in piles in warehouses. I think it is a gesture made by people and labels to say that you made an important record and you should reissue it."

The band starts their American tour this week and is recording again.

"We just did a digital EP that came out a few weeks ago," notes Barlow. "And we have 15 more songs in various stages of completion and hopefully we'll release those early next year and start the whole cycle over again."

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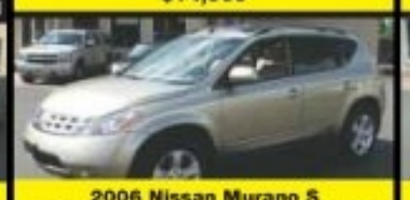
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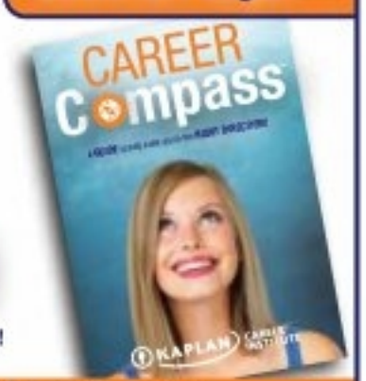

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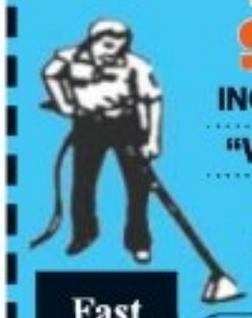

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♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Don't assume any new financial obligations, especially if you are already straining to take care of some old debts. One more straw could break the camel's back.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Before accusing your mate or anyone else of dragging his or her feet, make sure you're doing everything that is required of you.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Should you find yourself being asked to perform a task or assignment that you find distasteful, rather than make a fuss over it, do what is requested with a smile.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Do what you can to steer clear of a controversial situation that involves two of your friends. Your well-meaning input could complicate matters rather than help resolve them.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Disagreements with family need to be kept private. Instead of acquiring support, airing your disputes in public merely makes everyone look bad in the eyes of others.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** You should strive to be supportive of associates who express their ideas and/or plans. If you feel compelled to comment, make sure that what you say is constructive, not critical.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Before taking on any long-term obligation at this point in time, review the possibilities from all angles. If you are impulsive about it, you could create difficulties that would last a while.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** If you find yourself stymied by a lack of support, be both patient and persevering. There isn't anyone who can't be won over.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Don't expect your colleagues to do things for you that you could easily do for yourself. Whether they're friends or co-workers, others will resent being manipulated.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** It might provide you with temporary pleasure to put frivolous interests ahead of duties, but it won't equal the guilt you'll feel and/or blame you'll collect on account of not doing your job.

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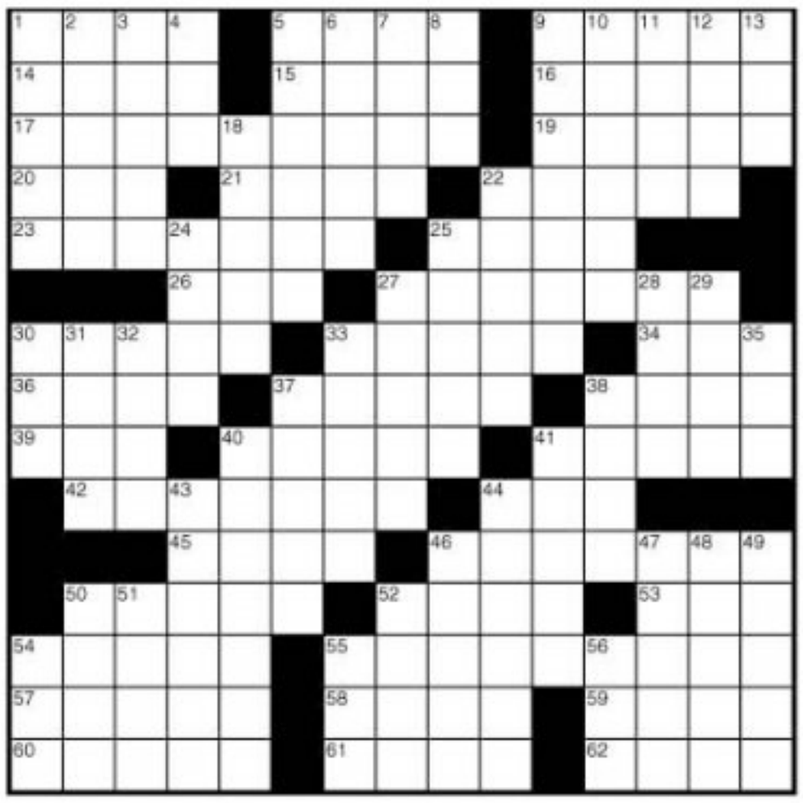

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It's not often that you set down your fork to watch a whale arch out of the water at sunset. Unless you're on a cruise in Alaska, in which case the postcard-worthy moment is just part of the decor. There is a lot of wild and astounding beauty in Alaska — crystalline blue glaciers, snowy mountains skirted in lush greenery — and it's a lot easier to see it surrounded by the creature comforts of a cruise ship.

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TIM FADATO

▶ Glacier ice is a shocking blue, a beautiful backdrop to breakfast on the deck of the ship.

YOLO daytrips

Excursions can seem like a pricey addition to a cruise vacation, but they are the easiest way to fit a few more spectacular vistas into a trip. In Juneau, the sea plane trip to the Taku Lodge takes passengers over ice fields that are raked with pools of fluorescent blue ice. At the lodge, signs warn against bears who, like the humans, are drawn to the open-fire grills of fresh-caught Alaskan salmon.

Further north in Skagway, the town's few streets are set at the foot of mountains that catch the morning sunlight like the Paramount logo (minus the circle of stars). The steam railroad trips that spiral down the mountains have breathtaking views of the area's mountains that go from solid snow at the top, and pass by waterfalls until arriving at the lush green that surrounds Skagway.

TIM FADATO

▶ The White Pass and Yukon Railway

White Pass and Yukon Railway

Built for the gold-hungry adventurers during the Yukon gold rush at the end of the 19th century, the White Pass and Yukon Railway snakes through 110 miles of granite mountains, though only 67.5 miles are used for tourism today. The rails are officially a civil engineering landmark, for good reason — the train slides over cantilever-type bridges and skates the edge of mountain curves. Travelers who want to see the icicles, steep hills and hypnotizing, snowy vistas up close can hang out between cars as long as they remember to protect the camera from the blue-tinged waterfalls.

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Opinion

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THE VOICE OF THE PHILLY SPORTS FAN

ANDY REID NEEDS US, SO EMBRACE HIM

Football doesn't matter. Funeral services for Garrett Reid will be held this morning. Reality has invaded our sports cocoon once again. For any parent, there is no news more shattering, no ending more tragic, than the sudden loss of a son or daughter.

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For Andy Reid, it must somehow be even worse, given the drug tribulations of both his sons over the past five years. And now it has ended for Garrett, his oldest, in the worst possible way.

Andy Reid has been coach of the Eagles longer than any other man, but only very recently have we gotten to know him. At the urging of team owner Jeff Lurie, he was sharing more, talking openly for the first time about how he came to love football, even inviting us back to his hometown in Los Angeles for his high school Hall of Fame induction last month.

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Philadelphia will embrace Andy Reid and his family as no other city ever could.

Reid was trying to make up for the belligerent ending of last season, when he snapped at all questions that he couldn't answer robotically, baring fangs that had grown over 13 seasons of frustration. We were still debating whether the new, improved Andy Reid was real when Garrett was found dead right there at training camp, where he was trying to rebuild his life.

Now there is no question Andy Reid will be different. How could he not be? Parents who lose their children all agree that they endure the tragedy for the rest of their lives, second-guessing every decision, wondering if there's something else they could have done.

Fans are in no position to judge any of that, of course. We are left with questions that, in the big picture, matter not at all. Will Reid coach effectively this season? How will this tragedy affect the team? Is Reid still coaching for his job? It's embarrassing to raise those issues now, with the gravity of this horrific news. And yet we must, because they are much easier to deal with than the news itself.

There is no valid prediction about how this tragedy will affect Andy Reid or the Eagles, not so soon after the impact of the loss. But one thing is certain, just two days after the announcement shattered the calm of a Sunday morning: Philadelphia will embrace Andy Reid and his family as no other city ever could. We are at our absolute best reacting to calamities.

Jerome Brown, Pelle Lindbergh, Barry Ashbee ... we have had to find the right way to deal with losses before, just as we did when confronted with the drug problems of Reid's sons years ago. Our city will embrace the coach and his family with an outpouring of sympathy and support. Our passion has an edge, yes, but it also has great depth. We will show that side in the days ahead.

But the real truth is, we love sports because it allows us an escape from the very thing that happened on Sunday, a diversion from the incidents in our lives that really matter. All we can do now is look forward to the time when that fantasy world is available to us again.

*– **Angelo Cataldi** is the host of 94 WIP's Morning Show, which airs weekdays 5:30-10 a.m.*

No joy in London Games

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▶ Shimizu

The last time I took the Olympics seriously was in 1988, before I watched a group of stupid adults crush the dream of a young kid. The kid's name was Anthony Hembrick, and he never got to step into the ring for the biggest fight of his life because his coaches hadn't read the schedule correctly.

Common sense demanded that the bout be re-scheduled, but there is nothing logical about the Olympics — or at least the Olympics I got to see up close while covering the event for the Inquirer. Hembrick worked for most of his life anticipating that one chance to represent his country, and it was destroyed by a bunch of unfeeling bureaucrats.

So pardon me while I sit out the latest example of phony competition masquerading as great television. For every Gabby Douglas, there are dozens sacrificed for our entertainment.

If you doubt any of this, watch the last round of a fight last week between Satoshi Shimizu and Magomed Adbulhamidov. Shimizu knocked down Adbulhamidov six times and somehow lost both the round and the fight.

The ref and officials were ousted, and Shimizu was awarded the verdict, but by then the Olympics were unmasked as corrupt — just as they were when badminton teams from South Korea, Indonesia and China were caught purposely losing.

So, go right ahead and enjoy the Olympics. You have a big advantage over me. You never saw the look on Anthony Hembrick's face the day his dream was crushed.

Idle thoughts from Cataldi

1 Insane in the membrane. The Paterno family really needs to stop the insanity and honor their fallen hero privately. The appeal of the NCAA sanctions was just the latest example of delusional behavior. Joe Paterno enabled child rape. To the rest of the world, that story is not open to interpretation.

2 Thank you, Victorino. In a classy move, Shane Victorino took out full-page ads after his trade to the Dodgers. The outfielder bid "Mahalo," which many Philadelphians thought was Hawaiian for "goodbye." No, it means "thank you." In other words, Victorino was confusing — and fun — right to the end.

3 Tackling dummy. Former Eagles cornerback Asante Samuel has become a Twitter sensation since moving to Atlanta. His clever, funny — and sometimes provocative — insights show that he is really tackling the new assignment. Oops, sorry. Poor choice of verbs.

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▶ Amaro could be out if he turns in another brutal season.

Amaro on notice

Ruben Amaro Jr. is having a bad year. His trades have failed, his signings have backfired and his roster is a mess. The GM cost the Phils tens of millions, and the second-highest payroll in baseball has the sixth-lowest winning percentage.

What has happened to Amaro, a baseball lifer who built the best rotation in Phillies history and was hailed as the next Pat Gillick a year ago? It's simple. He can't fix his own mistakes.

The most telling example of this flaw arose last Friday, when the Dodgers claimed Cliff Lee on waivers, offering Amaro a way out of one of the worst contracts in history. The veteran pitcher is guaranteed $75 million over the next three seasons, with a chance to raise that number beyond $100 million if a fourth year vests. Lee has two wins. He turns 34 Aug. 30.

Amaro screwed up the Cole Hamels' negotiations by waiting as long as he did, and then squandered what may be his best chance to recoup by keeping Lee when he had a chance to dump him.

When pressed by reporters about it, Amaro said that Lee is "not going anywhere." Maybe so, but if Amaro has one more brutal season, he definitely will be going somewhere. Because he won't be the GM of the Phillies anymore.

Remember me?

Owens working on Seattle deal

Terrell Owens is back.

The former Eagles wide receiver worked out for the Seahawks yesterday and is in contract negotiations with the team, according to ESPN.

Owens hasn't played in the NFL since 2010, when he caught 72 balls for 983 yards and nine TDs. He held a public workout last year and no NFL teams attended.

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Morgan powers US women in soccer semis

The U.S. women's soccer team beat Canada, 4-3, thanks to an Alex Morgan goal late in extra time to reach the gold-medal game.

With players on both sides exhausted, penalties looming and the referee looking at her watch, Morgan powered home a header to put the Americans in front for the first time after Canada had led three times. The winner came with 122 minutes, 25 seconds on the clock. Sixty seconds later, the match was over. The Americans draw Japan in Thursday's final.

"I'm still in shock thinking of what just happened," Morgan told reporters. "I don't care who scores as long as we score and that's all that matters." **REUTERS**

Team USA routs Argentina to reach Olympic quarters

The Americans needed a literal kick in the pants from their opponent — the Kevin Durant shooting clinic didn't hurt, either — to remain undefeated in Olympic play.

The U.S. men's basketball team, fueled by Durant's 28 points, used a 42-point third quarter to turn a one-point game yesterday into a 126-97 rout over Argentina. The Americans (5-0) get Australia Wednesday. (The gold-medal game is slated for Sunday).

Durant went 5-of-6 from three-point land in the third, with Carmelo Anthony swishing a trey at the buzzer. Anthony was punched in the groin by Facundo Campazzo on the play. Tempers flared after that, and seemed to give the Americans momentum. The squad shot 20-of-39 from beyond the arc for the game.

"You kind of want to send a message a little bit," Kobe Bryant told reporters. "This was the second game in a row that a team has played us close. We didn't want to give them confidence."

Sixers swingman Andre Iguodala enjoyed another solid performance in London, scoring 13 points (6-of-9 shooting) off the bench. Iguodala's thunderous, second-quarter dunk was disallowed after it hit his chest and went back up through the basket. **METRO**

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▶ Iguodala scored 13 points yesterday for the Americans.

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Mornhinweg runs practice, Reid tragedy still on everyone's mind

The Eagles attempted to get back to normal yesterday morning, as normal as can be expected following the tragic death of Andy Reid's son.

Offensive coordinator Marty Mornhinweg ran practice with a heavy heart. The coach said the hardest part is trying to find a balance between football and real life.

"There is much grieving going on," Mornhinweg said. "However, the players and coaches have done an excellent job once they cross the white lines or once they go into the door of a meeting to have complete focus and that's what we're trying to do in this situation."

No one is sure when Reid plans to return to the sideline. Owner Jeff Lurie hinted Sunday that he expected the head coach to be back Thursday.

"He'll still be grieving, but I would expect him back pretty quick at some point," Mornhinweg said. "I can't say when. That's going to be up to him."

MIKE GREGER

Head coach thanks fans

Andy Reid wasn't at practice, but he released a statement. Here is a portion of it: "On behalf of Tammy and our family, I would like to thank everybody for their tremendous support, love, kind words and prayers during this time of great sadness ... I spoke with the team [Sunday] and thanked them for their thoughts and prayers. I asked them to continue with their preparations for the upcoming season until I am ready to rejoin the team.

"It is in times like these that we lean on our faith, our family, our friends and our Eagles family." METRO

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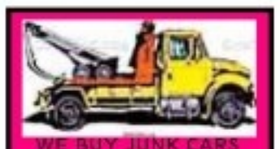

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